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REQUEST

FOR

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No. 09/041,538

Filing Date March 11, 1998

First Named Inventor Menard

Group Art Unit 1771

Examiner Name A. Singh

Atty Docket No. 1948-4293US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on ____.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.

iii. Other:

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other:

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. Other:

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1948-4293US1

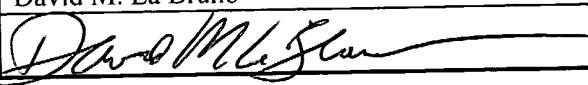
i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other

b. Check in the amount of \$740.00 enclosed.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Menard et al.

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Serial No.: 09/041,538

Examiner: A. Singh

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For: FRICITION MATERIAL DESIGNED FOR FITTING TO A DEVICE EMPLOYING
FRICTION IN A LIQUID MEDIUM, AND THE METHOD OF PRODUCING SUCH
A FRICTION MATERIAL AND THE DEVICE TO WHICH IT IS FITTED

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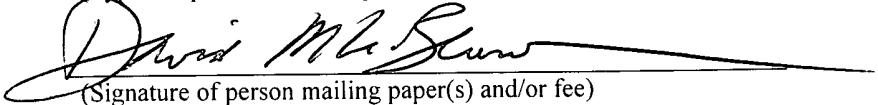
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1. Petition for One Month Extension of Time
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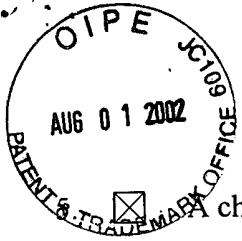
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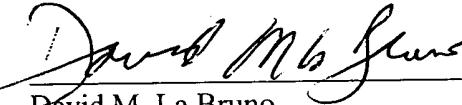
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7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Order No. 1948-4293US1. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,
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